

**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
**BROOKLYN FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**September 25, 2017**

**6:17 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Van Kirk  
Barb Paulitzky  
Debbie Tomusko (arrived a little late)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Chairman Van Kirk called the meeting to order.

MOTION by Paulitzky, second by Van Kirk to approve the minutes of the previous meetings from January 2017 through June 2017. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky.

The Committee addressed the following Agenda items and recommended to Council:

-Ord. #2017-61: Amending Section 1501.11(5), 'Permit issuance, application, revocation, fees' of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn. Language change is \$50 for installation *OR modification of a fire protection system*. MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to recommend adopt. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Tomusko.

-Ord. #2017-65: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Juvenile Diversion Coordinator.  
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-Ord. #2017-71: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Job Retention and Creation Grant Agreement with Medical Mutual of Ohio. –Dir. Schaeffer repeated the details are the same from the previous mtg. The red-lined copy is attached for the few changes made. MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to recommend adopt. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Tomusko.

-Ord. #2017-72: Approving and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Agreement with Cleveland American, LLC, Holdings Cleveland American, LLC and Medical Mutual of Ohio at the estimated cost of \$23,000,000. MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to recommend adopt. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Tomusko.

-Ord. #2017-73: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract/agreement with (to be decided), as supplier of electric energy for Street Lighting. –Dir. Schaeffer said the last agreement was for 36 months. Energy costs have gone down. He reviewed the summary of the past three years. Councilwoman Tomusko asked several questions about cost/benefit of renewing for three year term; she also questioned why this is an emergency vote when commodity pricing fluctuates daily. Scott Rafferty, our broker rep. was present and addressed questions and there was discussion about the timing and reasons for passing by emergency. Dir. Schaeffer said it is best to do this now with the rate, which would start Jan. 1, 2018, before the winter rates start to come in. Dir. Butler said he reviewed the contract. Councilwoman Tomusko commented on wanting more time to review, and commented this is a recurrent practice. After further discussion, MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to recommend adopt. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Tomusko.

-Ord. #2017-74: Amending Ord. 2017-22, "Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cost Recovery Corp, LLC for billing and related services attributed to Fire Department incidents." Chief Zemek noted the previous legislation didn't itemize the billing, and insurance companies (specifically State Farm) is the number one requester for this information. There was brief discussion, and Dir. Butler added it is best to do this as an un-codified legislation. 1<sup>st</sup> READING

-Dir. Schaeffer reported: -the city is participating in the delinquency program with RITA, about 3,500 letters went out with filing questions and answer options. Asked Council to tell their constituents they must read the letter if they get it and respond, or they will be subpoenaed to City Hall to speak with RITA representatives – they will go over their responses at the end of November. –said change number one to the appropriations will be in packets for the next mtg. –software went live (employees and vendors' pay). Reports will be to Council after the close of the month. –Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> is the next budget session at 6 p.m. Will go over RITA projects and department budgets. The permanent appropriation will go out in November to be

adopted by Dec. 11. –Gathering gas bills (contract ends June 2018) and electric (ends Feb. 2018). Will look to shorter term contracts to make the transition into Cleveland Public Power. It will align with the CEI rate and go down from there.

There being no further business, MOTION by Van Kirk, second by Paulitzky to adjourn. VOTE: Yes: Van Kirk, Paulitzky, Tomusko.

Meeting adjourned.

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Secretary